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SUBJECT:INCREASE IN PERSONAL EXEMPTION FROM DUTY

1. AN INCREASE IN THE PRESENT \$100 PERSONAL EXEMPTION FROM DUTY FOR TOURISTS RETURNING TO THE US HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY BY TREASURY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. STUDIES HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND TREASURY HAS DECIDED TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE NEXT CONGRESS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
2. CURRENT EXEMPTION OF \$100 FOR ITEMS PURCHASED ABROAD BY TOURISTS WHO HAVE REMAINED BEYOND TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF US FOR NO LESS THAN 48 HOURS WOULD BE RAISED TO \$200; PLUS
3. AN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION OF \$300 FOR SUCH ITEMS IF THE TOURIST HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY 12 DAYS OR MORE AND HAS NOT USED THE ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION WITHIN THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS.
4. OTHER REGULATIONS INCLUDING REQUIREMENT THAT ARTICLES ACCOMPANY TOURISTS REMAIN IN FORCE.

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5. OMB AND ADMINISTRATION CLEARANCE FOR TREASURY'S PROPOSAL HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED.

6. UNTIL TREASURY MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SAY THAT US TREASURY IS SYMPATHETIC TO INCREASING ALLOWANCE, BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE ON THE NEW LEVEL TREASURY WOULD FAVOR. LEGISLATION MOST LIKELY WILL BE PROPOSED SHORTLY AFTER NEW CONGRESS CONVENES IN JANUARY. KISSINGER

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